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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Appoints Political Reform Chief

John Keplinger to Serve as Division Chief

Sacramento -- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today his appointment of John Keplinger as Chief of the Political Reform Division.

Keplinger, Assistant Political Reform Division Chief for the past 14 years, assumes the position vacated by Caren Daniels-Meade, who has moved to the Communications Office for the Secretary of State.

Keplinger has extensive experience with the Political Reform Act, having served as Chief of Public Affairs and Technical Assistance at the Fair Political Practices Commission from the Commission's inception until 1980, and returning after a two-year stint as Assistant State Treasurer, to become the Executive Director at the Fair Political Practices Commission from 1983 until 1986.

Prior to becoming a state employee, Keplinger spent five years as a campaign consultant and a decade as a political writer for the Palo Alto Times.

The Division Chief of the Political Reform Division oversees a staff of 25 and the filing of electronic and paper financial disclosure records for state-level campaign and lobbying entities. Keplinger also frequently testifies before the Legislature on proposals impacting the Political Reform Act.

The Political Reform Division is one of six within the agency; Elections, Archives and Museum, Business Programs, Information Technology, and Management Services are the other five.

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